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HEADQUARTERS 5TH TRANSPORTATION COMMAND
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5 March 1968

SUBJECT: Operational Report for Quarterly Period Ending 31 January 1968,
RCS CS For -65 (UIC: WFREAA) (U)

THRU:

Commanding Officer, US Army Support Command, ATTN: AVCA-QN-GO,
APO 96238

Commanding General, 1st Logistical Command, ATTN: AVCA-GO-O,
APO 96384

Commanding General, United States Army Vietnam, ATTN: AVHGC-DST,
APO 96375

Commander-in-Chief, United States Army, Pacific, ATTN: GPDP-MH,
APO 96558

⑥ Lessons Learned, Headquarters, 5th
Transportation Command (U) ⑧
⑨ Operational rept. for quarterly
period ending 31 Jan 68

Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development
Department of the Army
Washington, D.C. 20310

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(C) SECTION I

SIGNIFICANT ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

A. (U) Command

1. (U) During this reporting period, Colonel James F. MacLeod commanded the 5th Transportation Command. Colonel MacLeod is scheduled to return to CONUS on 8 February 1968 to command Southern California Outport, Long Beach, California. His replacement will be Lieutenant Colonel James E. Coleman.

2. (U) Lieutenant Colonel Robert P. Young, Deputy Commander, went on extended TDY as Assistant Chief of Staff, Comptroller, US Army Support Command, Qui Nhon on 10 November 1967. Major James M. Mixson assumed duties as Executive Officer on that date.

B. (C) Personnel, Administration and Discipline

1. (C) A normal percentage of personnel rotated during this period. Preparations were being made for the transfer of one battalion headquarters and one company to another location in country. Effective in the near future, this Command will be operating with one battalion headquarters and seven companies. An acute shortage of stevedore personnel still exists within all four terminal service companies of this Command. Through extensive cross-training of personnel with excess MOSSs, our mission was accomplished in an outstanding manner.

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2. (C) No change in percentage of personnel not available for normal duties was noted during this period. Approximately 24% perform non-TOE tasks. Of this percentage, 15% are required to perform full time security functions and 4% are essential to the self-help containment construction program. An average of 6% are on authorized absences.

3. (U) Disciplinary activities had a downward trend during this reporting period. One individual was listed AWOL, constituting 13 man-days lost. 21 man-days were lost due to one EM confined in the USARV Stockade. 60 additional man-days were lost in view of various incidents. No court-martials were reported for this period. 75 non-judicial punishments were imposed during this period. The non-judicial punishments were largely as a result of curfew, pass or off-limits violations.

C. (C) Intelligence and Counterintelligence

1. (U) During the reporting period the Provost Marshal was separated from the S-2 and began operation as a separate staff section, reporting directly to the Executive Officer. This transfer has freed the S-2 of responsibility for Physical Security and now allows the section to concentrate in the field of intelligence and security.

2. (C) Due to increased enemy activity in the Qui Nhon area and as a part of a continuing program designed to disrupt enemy plans and improve security in the port of Qui Nhon, the following additional security measures were implemented during the reporting period.

e. Local dial telephone service was instituted in the Qui Nhon area during the reporting period. This change resulted in the availability of many additional telephone numbers combinations and the installation of telephone instruments in offices that previously only had field telephone service. This installation freed many 'field' telephones that are now used for reporting of observations and sightings by guard posts. The immediate availability of a dial tone has considerably decreased the amount of radio traffic between the S-2 and other reporting offices.

b. An unlisted phone has been installed in the S-2 office and one in the Qui Nhon TOC to permit rapid dissemination of information without interference by busy signals. This private line proved invaluable during the battle of Qui Nhon for the relay of intelligence and other immediate information on 30 and 31 January 1968.

c. A smooth transition to a combat situation was effected by the S-2 office due to its personnel having operated on a 24 hour basis for a number of months. Due to communications capabilities, the S-2 office became the focal point of this unit's involvement in the battle of Qui Nhon. By close contact between staff sections and subordinate elements, intelligence information, ammunition resupply, and ration requests were passed on a timely basis.

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D. (C) Plans, Operations and Training

1. (U) This Command continued to handle high tonnages through the Port of Qui Nhon during the reporting period. The total tonnages were 489,772 S/T or 889,421 M/T.

2. (U) Seven Sea-Land ships were worked during the reporting period for a total of 1295 containers.

3. (U) Retrograde cargo operations continued at a high level for a total of 23,719 S/T or 83,081 M/T for the reporting period.

4. (C) Eight troop ships called at the Port of Qui Nhon during the reporting period. 4308 US troops and 3746 ROKA troops were debarked and 3478 ROKA troops embarked.

E. (C) Logistics -- None

F. (C) Provost Marshal

1. (U) During the reporting period the office of the Provost Marshal was separated from the S-2 and became a separate function reporting directly to the Executive Officer. This change has assisted each section in concentrating in its own field of endeavor.

2. (C) By not having operational control of Military Police operating the gates to the port of Qui Nhon, the resolution of problems arising became increasingly difficult when attempting to traverse numerous chains of command. This problem has led to the formation of a security gate guard platoon within this Headquarters. Results after three weeks of operation have been gratifying and by releasing the Military Police from this commitment additional ship security crews have been made available for ammunition and security cargo in the stream.

3. (C) Because of the vulnerability of the De Long Pier complex, and the continuous threat of sabotage activities and the non-availability of chain link fencing, a fence composed of barbed tape arranged in a checkerboard design is to be erected around the entire complex. The material is of stainless steel composition and will require considerably less ungrading and maintenance than is required with the use of concertina wire.

(C) SECTION II

COMMANDER'S OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

(C) PART I

OBSERVATIONS (Lessons Learned)

A. (U) Personnel -- None

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B. (U) Intelligence -- None

C. (C) Operations

1. (C) Although the present monsoon season has not been as severe as usual, the discharge of ammunition ships in the outer harbor was quite difficult due to rough seas and swells. Work at night was especially affected, and work during both day and night had to be periodically suspended. An inner harbor anchorage for two ammunition ships and a floating barge pier is planned for operation before the next monsoon season.

2. (U) Port clearance of outsized cargo especially poles and pilings up to 90 feet in length and 65 foot I-beams continues to be a problem. Since there are no semi-trailers of sufficient length organic to any unit within the support command complex, the port has backlogged approximately 9,000 poles and piling. The pilings, poles and beams are only being cleared on an as-required basis by signal and engineer units operating in the area. This Command fabricated three pole trailers from salvage parts and are now able to move some poles to local depot storage locations. There is still no means of delivery to consumers outside the local area.

3. (C) The Tet offensive commenced on the night of 29 January 1968. Much enemy activity was encountered in and around Qui Nhon and the port. Port operations continued nearly normal but port clearance was hampered by fire fights on the roads leading from the port to depot storage locations. This Command utilizes third country national contractor trucks and drivers for port clearance. Since they are civilians, they were reluctant to operate under such conditions. Armed escorts comprised of staff officers of this Command ran convoys of port clearance vehicles from the port to depot locations 24 hours per day throughout the offensive to assure adequate port clearance.

D. (U) Logistics - Because of the increasing scope of the retrograde program and increased transshipment of cargo from the port, shortages of loading and lashing gear have been experienced. Items such as turnbuckles, shackles, 1 1/2" steel strapping and clips are most critical. Demands for these items have increased so rapidly that stocks at unit and depot level have been exhausted. Immediate procurement from other in-country depots in CONUS is necessary to provide materials for continuous loading of retrograde and tranship cargo.

E. (U) Provost Marshal -- None

(U) Part II
RECOMMENDATIONS

A. (U) Personnel -- None

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B. (U) Intelligence -- None

C. (U) Operations -- That heavy truck augmentation be made available to provide clearance capability for outsized cargo such as poles, piling and beams.

D. (U) Logistics -- None

E. (U) Provost Marshal -- None

James E. Coleman

JAMES E. COLEMAN
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HEADQUARTERS, US ARMY SUPPORT COMMAND, QUI NHON, APO San Francisco 96238

10 MAR 1968

TO: Commanding General, 1st Logistical Command, ATTN: AVCA-GO-O, APO
96384

1. (U) The 5th Transportation Command conducted operations for ninety two days of the reporting period.
2. (U) The Operational Report for Quarterly Period Ending 31 January 1968 for the 5th Transportation Command (UIC: WFREAA) has been reviewed and is considered adequate with the following comments:

a. SECTION II, PART I, Sub-Section D: Action has been initiated to try and obtain requested items from other in-country depots.

b. SECTION II, PART II, Sub-Section C: This command is programmed to receive 10 each M241A pole trailers in the near future for local and line haul of poles and pilings. On 27 February 1968 a request was submitted to 1st Logistical Command for issuance of the trailers to the TMP on a special letter of authorization. This method of allocation will speed the distribution and provide greater flexibility in utilization of the trailers. Recommend issuance of pole trailers on special letter of authorization be expedited.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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DA, Headquarters, 1st Logistical Command, APO 96384

21 MAR 1968

TO: Commanding General, United States Army Vietnam, ATTN: AVHGC-DST,
APO 96375

1. (U) The Operational Report - Lessons Learned submitted by Headquarters, 5th Transportation Command (UIC: WFREAAA) for the quarterly period ending 31 January 1968 is forwarded.

2. (U) Pertinent comments follow:

a. Reference Section II, Part I, paragraph D and 1st Indorsement, paragraph 2a. A review of requirements is presently being conducted jointly by Defense Inventory Stock Control, 1st Logistical Command and 14th ICC. There is a definite need for loading and lashing gear. However, recent requisitions submitted by Qui Nhon Support Command appear to be grossly excessive. Upon determination of actual needs, action will be taken to procure the required tie-down equipment.

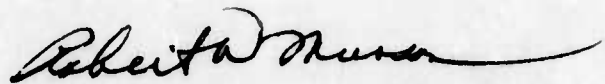
b. Reference Section II, Part II, paragraph c and 1st Indorsement, paragraph 2b. Headquarters USARV has submitted a request to USARPAC to include these trailers in the proposed TDA for the Transportation Motor Pool.

3. (U) Concur with basic report as modified by indorsements. The report is considered adequate.

FOR THE COMMANDER

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HEADQUARTERS, US ARMY VIETNAM, APO San Francisco 96375 22 MAR 1968

TO: Commander in Chief, United States Army, Pacific, ATTN: GPOP-DT,
APO 96558

1. This headquarters has reviewed the Operational Report-Lessons Learned for the quarterly period ending 31 January 1968 from Headquarters, 5th Transportation Command (WFREAA) as indorsed.

2. Concur with report as indorsed. Report is considered adequate.

3. A copy of this indorsement will be furnished to the reporting unit through channels.

FOR THE COMMANDER:


C. S. NAKATSUKASA
Captain, AGC
Assistant Adjutant General

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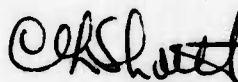
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HQ, US Army, Pacific, APO San Francisco 96558 12 APR 1968

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development, Department of the
Army, Washington, D. C. 20310

This headquarters has evaluated subject report and forwarding indorsements
and concurs in the report as indorsed.

FOR THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF:



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